Maryland Vegetable Crab Soup

1 bunch celery (small dice) ½ cup hot sauce

4 carrots (small dice) 1 pound fresh green beans (bite size pieces)

2 medium onions (small dice) 6 potatoes (pealed and small diced)

1 gallon crab stock* 1 pound lima beans 1 gallon beef stock 1 pound corn ½ cup Old Bay seasoning 1 pound crabmeat

- Sauté diced onions, carrots and celery in oil until they soften.
- 2. Add crab and beef base to sautéed mixture.
- Add Old Bay seasoning and hot sauce to soup.
 Add corn, lima beans and potatoes to soup.
- 5. Bring soup to a boil and then simmer.
- 6. Continue simmering until all vegetables are fully cooked.
- Season to desired taste**
- 8. Add crab meat***
- * Crab stock can be made from whole crabs or using a flavoring base.
- ** Soup hotness can be adjusted by the amount of hot sauce.
- *** Whenever possible, use fresh Maryland jumbo lump crab in the soup.